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In re application of: James A Hagan, et al. : Date: July 1, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 3723 : IBM Corporation  
Examiner: E. Ojini : Intellectual Property Law  
Serial No.: 09/954,812 : Dept. 917, Bldg. 006-1  
Filed: September 17, 2001 : 3605 Highway 52 North  
Title: EDGE FINISHING PROCESS FOR GLASS : Rochester, MN 55901  
OR CERAMIC DISKS USED IN DISK  
DRIVE DATA STORAGE DEVICES

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**AMENDMENT**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2003. Please amend the above identified application as follows. This paper is being submitted in accordance with the Revised Amendment Format.

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